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## NEW WEEKEND HOURS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS

**INDIANAPOLIS** –The Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) operating in Lake and Vanderburgh counties are changing operating hours starting Sunday, Oct. 22. New Sunday hours are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., according to officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Operating hours for the four DRCs are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, until further notice.

**Evansville:** Indiana National Guard Armory

3300 East Division Street

**East Chicago:** Public Service Facility (Conference Room)

4444 Railroad Avenue

Gary: Genesis Convention Center

One Genesis Center Plaza (U.S. Hwy 20 & SR 53)

**Highland:** Lincoln Center

2450 Lincoln Street

Disaster Recovery Centers offer many types of recovery information and provide a single location where people are able to talk face-to-face with disaster recovery specialists. Visitors can receive help filling out disaster loan applications from U.S. Small Business Administration representatives or check on the status of disaster assistance applications. Information on ways to reduce damages in future disasters also is available.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.